New Location for Barnes & Noble at UAB!

You have likely noticed by now that the HUC Center has been demolished, along with the old location of UAB’s official bookstore, Barnes & Noble @ UAB, to make way for a new HUC Center opening in 2015.

We are excited to announce that Barnes & Noble @ UAB has a new location at 1218 6th Avenue South, in the former Food Fair grocery store. The new store is beautiful and has made great use of the existing building. This store is one of the first retail stores to open between UAB’s campus and Regions Park. We hope it will encourage other retail development to take place in this area.

The inside features exposed ceilings/duct work along with an 80 foot wall mural celebrating UAB Athletics and our student athletes. The outside has UAB’s new branding on the east wall, banners and new signage. The bookstore offers convenient front-door parking along with expanded selections of Blazer gear, scrubs and convenience items.

Store hours are Monday - Friday 7:30am to 6:00pm and Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm.

As a UAB employee, you will receive a 10% discount on items you purchase at the new store when presenting a valid UAB ID at the time of purchase! Like us on Facebook (UABBookstore) and receive exclusive notices regarding flash sales and other special discounts throughout the year.

Congratulations to the bookstore staff on completing this big move and best wishes for the new store.
Follow The Blazer Express!

The “Blazer Express” officially launched on January 6, 2014. Parking & Transportation held a campus wide contest to solicit potential names for our new bus shuttle system. “Blazer Express” was selected from over 2,000 name submissions. The winning name was submitted by Ms. Anita Clemon, Director of HR Compliance Administration.

All buses are equipped with GPS Technology that allows you to follow the buses in real time. UAB has partnered with TransLoc Inc. to provide a shuttle mapping application that can be accessed via smartphone or the web. TransLoc is a pioneer of the mobile web (before apps) and was the first to enable mobile phones (before smartphones) to show real-time info that was both textual and graphical. Smartphone owners can download the TransLoc application free of charge and simply select the UAB campus map. Please visit uab.edu/blazerexpress for all the Blazer Express route information and to access the TransLoc service.

We are very excited to offer this technology to our faculty, staff, and students. Please stay tuned for more exciting things from Parking & Transportation Services.

Introducing the ONE Card

The “One Card” project has completed its final phase of re-carding with over 37,000 new cards issued. In addition to the hospital employees receiving their new One Cards, all the Kronos time clocks have been converted to accept the new One Card which prevents employees from having multiple cards. The conversion of the parking gates has also begun and the completion time for conversion was the end of September. The parking gates were phased over to the new One Card system in October and this conversion was on a scheduled plan. If you haven’t been re-badged, Physical Security encourages that you do so. To contact Physical Security, go to uab.edu/physicalsecurity. Once everyone has been re-badged, we will disable all old access cards. So don’t delay, get your One Card now.
New Forklift for Warehouse Services

Warehouse Services purchased a new Toyota forklift in the Fall of 2013 which has helped increase productivity in the warehouse. This new forklift replaced a 24 year old forklift. The old forklift wouldn’t hold a charge for very long, which many times led the staff to have to push it around the warehouse to get it back to the charging station. It had several leaks and just was not a reliable piece of equipment. The new forklift has made life much easier for the staff to unload trucks, move equipment around and have the assurance that it won’t break down on them. Also, as we were looking to dispose of our old forklift, Building Alteration Services said they would like to have it as they were in need of a forklift and their staff could make some of the necessary repairs to keep it operational. Warehouse Services was glad to help out another UAB department by donating our old forklift to them.

Bartow Arena and the New Men’s Basketball Locker Room Project

Renovations to the existing locker room facility include many state of the art technology upgrades. Enhancements include 16 large cherry veneer lockers with dedicated exhaust systems, USB charging stations, and pocket door enclosures. A Crestron Control system integrates the 70” Touch screen TV, LED lighting, sound system, hazer, and moving lights. Additional improvements include a new Player’s Lounge area with plush leather theater seating, 80” HDTV with Apple Airplay controls, Klipsch stereo surround sound system, gaming area, and custom Quartz refreshment bar. Shower and restroom upgrades include a mix of Porcelain and Egyptian Glass tile, touchless fixture controls, and raised rain can shower heads for the tall players. Coaches’ locker room upgrades include a private restroom and shower, as well as a dedicated meeting room. A custom graphics package completes the project with tributes to players, coaches, and fans showing off their Blazer Pride!

Business and Auxilliary Services Personel Changes

Retired:
Parking and Transportation    Mary Murphy

Hired:
Physical Security     Brian Shirley
Print Plant      Robert Hill
Physical Security/ONE Card    Jason Womack
Post Office     Terry Mitchell
Print Plant    Tammy Bracknell
Parking and Transportation Quintin Marble
Bartow Arena Court

The All-Star Plus portable basketball floor can be found in top arenas such as Bankers Life Fieldhouse (Home of the NBA Indiana Pacers), Amway Center (Home of the NBA Orlando Magic) and the Staples Center (Home of the LA Lakers). The All-Star plus is the choice of the NBA and top NCAA programs where athlete safety, comfort and performance are top priorities.

Its overall size is 60’ wide by 112’ long when assembled. There are 208 4’x 8’ panels and 14, 4’ x 4’ panels that make up the playing surface of the court. It is constructed using the series of panels described above made of 1st grade hard maple wood.

The logo/court design was the idea of UAB Head Men’s basketball coach Jerod Hasse. He wanted a clean, classy look but yet something different that was not overly bearing on the eyes or too busy and confusing. The dragon logos are stained rather than painted and the UAB letters at mid-court are crystal clear for regional and nationally televised broadcasts of Blazer home games.

Spotlight: History of Medical Towers

The Medical Towers building, owned by Medical Towers, Inc (which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the UAB Educational Foundation), has a unique 42 year history on Birmingham’s Southside.

Medical Towers Inc. was incorporated in September, 1968 by a group of physicians as a medical motel. When the building was completed in 1971, however, it also contained a pharmacy, cafeteria and lounge. Patients referred to Medical Towers by their physicians were those who could basically care for themselves. In most cases their families stayed with them in the same room. These rooms are on the 6th and 7th floors of Medical Towers and are now leased by UAB Preventive Medicine. Each room contains its own shower and HVAC unit (as common in a motel room).

Ultimately, the medical motel-model proved unsuccessful due to complications over Medicare reimbursements and all of the shares of the outstanding capital stock of the corporation were donated to the UAB Educational Foundation. Medical Towers went through years of high vacancy levels and high debt levels, which generated losses.
NACAS Announces Chris Clifford Has Earned The CASP Certification

Charlottesville, VA (July 19, 2013) – NACAS, the largest auxiliary services support organization serving higher education, is pleased to announce that Chris Clifford, Associate Vice President for Business Services for the University of Alabama at Birmingham, has recently earned the CASP designation.

“Over the last six months, we have seen strong growth in applicants, designees, and institutional support,” said Ron Campbell, CEO of NACAS. “CASP is continuing to establish itself as the premier auxiliary service certification in higher education. I am extremely pleased to congratulate Chris.”

CASP, Certified Auxiliary Services Professional, is a four-year certification for aspiring Auxiliary Services professionals. It is the only certification that demonstrates recipients have met a high standard of excellence, as defined by experts in the industry, and that they have the skills necessary to be a Director of Auxiliary Services. Founded in 2009, CASP affirms the recipient’s expertise in: Management, Leadership, Marketing, Student Development, and Operations. Funding for this program is provided by the NACAS Education Foundation through the generous support of many individuals, the NACAS regions, Barnes & Noble College, and American Campus Communities.

“CASP is an outstanding, intentionally devised program which provides an objective certification of an individual's qualifications,” said Certification Commission Chair Dr. Jeff Pittman. “Perhaps of equal importance is the personalized professional development it contributes in supporting career advancement. Congratulations to this class for earning this honor.”

throughout the 1970’s through the mid-1990’s. The pharmacy and cafeteria remained in the building until 2002.

With the growth of UAB, however, Medical Towers no longer has a vacancy problem. The northern face of the building has some of the best views of the Birmingham skyline in the city, especially on the 6th and 7th floors. The building has undergone several major renovations in the past few years, including the replacement of all windows in and updated elevator lobbies. It is the first building most UAB employees see on their first day on the job, as it is the location for all new employee orientation. Preventive Medicine now leases most of the building, with Training and Development and other Human Resources departments, along with a non-UAB podiatrist, leasing the rest of the building.
Workshop Services
Greg Curtis at UAB Printing & Mailing has been using Workshop Services for over 11 years. His department handles all the printing projects for UAB, including the university and medical centers. He feels fortunate to have Workshop Services help them with their specialty projects, which include preparing hospital menus and admission packets, bulk mailing and countless other jobs. Why does he work with Workshop Services? It’s simple: “They get the job done and done well. I like helping people too. Workshop Services does a great job and provides a great service to the community,” says Curtis.

Business Services Departments
AdTrav Travel Services  
Barnes & Noble Bookstore  
Bartow Arena  
Bell-Wallace Gym & Practice Fields  
Campus Escort  
Campus Ride  
Educational Foundation  
Fleet Operations  
Motorist Assistance  
Parking & Transportation  
Physical Security  
Printing & Mailing Services  
Radio Paging  
Real Estate  
Shipping & Receiving  
Warehouse & Moving